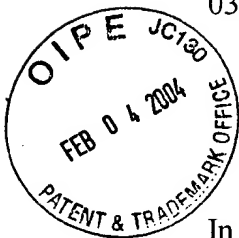


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In re Application of:

HIDENORI TAKATA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/852,615

Filed: May 11, 2001

For: INFORMATION
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INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND
STORING MEDIUM
STORING INFORMATION
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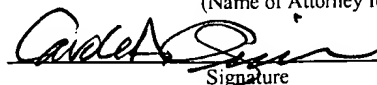
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended three months from October 31, 2003 to Monday, February 2, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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